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AMENDMENT

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2002 (Paper Number 20). A Petition for Extension of Time (one month, to and including August 10, 2002) is being filed herewith. As August 10, 2002 is a Saturday, this paper is being filed with the U.S. Postal service as First Class Mail on August 12, 2002, which is the next succeeding business day.

Kindly amend the above-identified United States Patent Application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as rewritten in clean form below. A marked-up version of claim 1 amended by rewriting and having all additions underlined and all deletions bracketed is attached hereto as page 8 of this amendment.